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FOR: AG ATT LIMA

E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: EAGR, BL  
SUBJECT: GOB RESOLVES SANTA CRUZ WHEAT SUPPLY PROBLEM

1. WITH ONLY ENOUGH WHEAT TO SUPPLY SANTA CRUZ THROUGH THE  
END OF MAY, OR POSSIBLY EARLY JUNE, AND WARY OF THE POSSIBLE  
POLITICAL RAMIFICATIONS ON THE EVE OF THE JULY ELECTIONS, THE  
GOB HAS BEEN WORKING FOR ALMOST TWO MONTHS TO ARRANGE A WHEAT  
DELIVERY.

2. AMONG THE POSSIBILITIES CONSIDERED WAS A COMPLICATED BILATERAL  
WHEAT EXCHANGE AGREEMENT WITH BRAZIL. BRAZIL WOULD SHIP WHEAT  
FROM STOCKS TO SANTA CRUZ. LATER, BOLIVIA WOULD REPAY BRAZIL  
IN KIND, POSSIBLY WITH CCC SHIPMENT.

3. TO SUPPLY THE SHORTFALL BETWEEN BOLIVIA'S ESTIMATED 1978  
DEMAND AND FUTURE PL 480 WHEAT DELIVERIES, THE GOB ANNOUNCED A  
LICITATION FOR APRIL 20, TO PURCHASE UP TO 40,000 MT OF WHEAT.  
THE GOB HOPED THAT ARGENTINA, WHICH CAN MAKE TIMELY DELIVERIES,  
WOULD SUBMIT A BID FOR ENOUGH WHEAT TO SUPPLY SANTA CRUZ.

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BECAUSE OF POOR HARVEST LAST YEAR, ARGENTINE EXPORTS HAVE NOT  
BEEN PERMITTED SINCE JANUARY, BUT APPARENTLY THE ARGENTINA  
EMBASSY ADVISED GOB OFFICIALS THAT SOME WHEAT COULD STILL BE  
IMPORTED UNDER 1977 LICENSES. NEVERTHELESS, NO ARGENTINE BIDS WERE  
SUBMITTED.

4. THE GOB ACCEPTED A BID FROM SACI, A BOLIVIAN REPRESENTATIVE,

FOR 40,000 MT OF US WHEAT FROM A U.S. FIRM, GARNER GRAIN. IN LATE JUNE OR EARLY JULY THE FIRST SHIPMENT OF 20,000 MT WILL ARRIVE IN SANTA CRUZ THROUGH THE BRASILIAN PORT OF SANTOS. THE SECOND SHIPMENT OF 20,000 MT WILL ARRIVE IN AUGUST. CIF PRICES WERE \$149.09 AND \$146.89 PER TON FOR THE FIRST AND SECOND SHIPMENTS, RESPECTIVELY.

5. TO SUPPLY SANTA CRUZ DURING JUNE, 5,000 MT WILL BE BROUGHT FROM ANTOFAGASTA, WHERE RECENTLY DELIVERED BOLIVIAN CCC WHEAT AWAITS TRANSPORTATION TO LA PAZ. MONTHLY DEMAND IS ESTIMATED AT BETWEEN 4,000 TO 5,000 MT FOR SANTA CRUZ.  
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